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## Agriculture

*Admissions into the Agricultural College last year.*

* 369 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) How many applications there were for seats in the Agricultural College, Coimbatore, last year ;

(*b*) the number of students admitted ;

(*c*) the educational qualifications of the students admitted ; and

(*d*) whether the Government will provide more seats this year ?

*A.*—(*a*) 303.

(*b*) The Committee selected 48 candidates, but 2 candidates did not present themselves for admission ; therefore only 46 candidates were admitted.

(*c*) All the candidates selected were duly qualified ; the minimum qualification required being that they should have passed the Intermediate Examination in Arts and Science of the University of Madras and have qualified in Group I or II of part II thereof under the old Regulations, or in Group A of part III under the new Regulations with any two subjects other than Geography, or an examination of some other University recognized as equivalent to the examination specified above.

(*d*) The question is engaging the attention of the Government.

Mr. K. Koti Reddi :—" May I know from the hon. Minister why, when so many as 303 students applied, only 48 candidates were selected ? May I know the difficulty ? Is it with regard to accommodation or anything else ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Accommodating the staff and other considerations. "

Mr. K. Koti Reddi :—" What are the other considerations ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Hostel accommodation, laboratory and the extra staff necessary."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi :—" May I know if the accommodation could not be easily extended by the provision of a small extra expenditure ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Not small, but more extra expenditure will be required in connexion with laboratory arrangements."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi :—" May I know with regard to answer to clause (*b*) why they have not selected two more candidates for the two candidates who did not present themselves for admission ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" I do not know."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know how many of the 303 applicants were from the districts of Cuddapah, Kurnool, Bellary and Anantapur ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi :—" May I know whether the Government have seriously taken into consideration the fact that as there is a large demand for higher agricultural education in this Presidency, more students should be entertained and more accommodation should be provided ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Yes, Sir."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The Council will now pass on to the next item of business.

"The remaining supplementary demand under Grant XXXV—Agency Tracts—Reserve is not to be moved and so it shall be deemed to have been withdrawn."

**[Note.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]**

## II

### SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE BILL FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF BROTHELS AND IMMORAL TRAFFIC.

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"Mr. President, I beg to move—

'*that Mr. E. J. Rowlandson, a Member of this Council, be added to the Select Committee appointed on the* 12*th October* 1928, *to consider the Bill for the Suppression of Brothels and Immoral Traffic* (*Bill No.* 16 *of* 1928).

"Sir, when we referred the Bill to the Select Committee last time we included the name of Mr. Cunningham. As he has now gone on leave, and as it is very important that a non-official Bill of this importance should have expert official assistance, I make this motion."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I second the motion."

Mr. C. GOPALA MENON :—"Sir, I beg to move—

'*that Mr. F. E. James be also added to the Select Committee on the Bill for the Suppression of Brothels and Immoral Traffic.*'

"Sir, this is not an addition to the already existing number of members on the Select Committee, but this is as a substitute for Mr. Wright who has resigned from the Legislative Council, and therefore I hope the Council will have no difficulty in accepting my motion ?"

Dr. (Mrs.) S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI :—"I second the motion."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I have great pleasure in accepting it."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The question is that Mr. E. J. Rowlandson and Mr. F. E. James be added to the Select Committee appointed on the 12th October 1928 to consider the Bill for the Suppression of Brothels and Immoral Traffic."

The motion was carried.

## III

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO CONFER WITH THE INDIAN STATUTORY COMMISSION.

Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—"Mr. President, Sir, in accordance with the resolution of the Madras Legislative Council passed on the 4th September 1928, I beg to present the report [a] of the Committee appointed by the Council in pursuance of the said resolution."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"Sir, I beg to move—

'*that the report of the Committee of this Council elected in pursuance of the resolution of this Council dated 4th September 1928 to confer with the Indian Statutory Commission be taken into consideration.*'

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 682–700 infra.